Joint meeting on Gas Pipeline Project

273. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tripartite meeting of the three Joint Working Group of Iran, Pakistan and India has been held with regard to the feasibility of the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof indicating the precise alignment and the cost thereof; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of reply to (a) above.

Development of Gopalpur beach in Orissa

274. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism has picked up on the Gopalpur beach in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Centre has approved Rs. 9 crores for development of tourist spots in this area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the future action plan of the Centre to further develop this sector to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A large number of domestic and foreign tourist visit Gopalpur beach in Orissa.

(c) A project for development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam) has been sanctioned for Central financial assistance of Rs. 331.43 lakh during the current financial year.

(d) Government has prepared 20-year Perspective Plans for the States/UTs with the broad objectives of:

i) assessing the existing tourism scenario in the States;

ii) reviewing the status of existing development/investment plans;

iii) evaluating the existing potential tourist destinations;

iv) developing sustainable tourism in a time period of 20 years;

v) giving plans with short term and long term targets;

vi) indicating the likely investment on infrastructure development under different heads; and

vii) preparing an action plan for implementing of identified potential scheme/projects, and for development of infrastructure

The 20-year Perspective Plans prepared for the States have given State-wise details and the action plan for implementation of identified potential development schemes/projects.

Funds for death anniversary of Akbar

275. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the President of Indian History Congress for the grant of funds for holding a session to mark the 400th death anniversary of the legendary 16th century Mughal Monarch Akbar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds released; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.